

Towards a European Cultural
Heritage Skills Alliance:

Irish updates, regional learnings & global challenges

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Location: The Printworks at Dublin Castle, Dame Street, Dublin 2

08:30-09:00 – Registration | Tea, coffee & pastries

MORNING SESSIONS

09:00-09:45 – Opening speeches

Chair Daniel Sinnott, Principal Officer, Built Heritage, Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage

- Welcome by **Malcolm Noonan TD**, Minister of State for Nature, Heritage, and Electoral Reform
- Welcome by hosting institutions The Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage, The Office of Public Works, and The Heritage Council
- Welcome by **Mariachiara Esposito**, Policy Officer, General Directorate for Education and Culture, European Commission
- An introduction to the CHARTER project by **Lluís Bonet**, Project Coordinator, University of Barcelona



09:45-10:45 – SESSION 1 - Future-focused Cultural Heritage in Ireland Today

Recognition, Research/Development & Education:

Ireland's Institutional Legacies, The Sean McDermott Street Magdalene Laundry & [Open Heart City](#), **Georgina Laragy**, Trinity College Dublin Public History

Preservation & Safeguarding, Research/Development & Education

[The Virtual Treasury](#) Digital recreation of the destroyed public record office archive, **Ciaran Wallace**, Trinity College Dublin History

Preservation & Safeguarding, Engagement & Use

[iCAN Irish Community Archives Network](#), **Lorna Elms**, National Museum of Ireland & **Mary O'Malley**, Louisburgh-Killeen Heritage

10:45-11:10 - Coffee and tea break

11:10-12:20 – SESSION 2 – Identifying the Skills Needs of Irish Heritage Professionals

Chair: **Virginia Teehan**, CEO, The Heritage Council

Roundtable on cultural heritage skills and the cross-sectoral, interdisciplinary working and learning needed to futureproof the sector with **Lynn Scarff** (Director, National Museum of Ireland), **Muirne Lydon** (Chair, Institute of Conservators-Restorers in Ireland & Conservator, National Gallery of Ireland), **Janet Hancock** (Chair, Archives and Records Association & Acting Head of Preservation and Collections Management, Public Records Office of Northern Ireland), **Michael O'Boyle** (Trustee of Buildings of Ireland Charitable Trust and The Irish Landmark Trusts; Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland Council Member; Conservation Architect), **Elizabeth Croke** (Professor of Heritage and Museum Studies, Ulster University), **Bairbre Ní Fhloinn** (former director of MA Programme in Irish Folklore and Ethnology, University College Dublin; ICOMOS Ireland)

12:20-12:30 - Presentation of the afternoon sessions and conclusions of the morning sessions

12:30-13:30 - Lunch break

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

13:30-15:00 – SESSION 3 – Current Challenges in Cultural Heritage Skills and Training: Three Parallel Thematic Discussions

Chair: **Terri Sweeney Meade**, Assistant Principal Architect, National Monuments, Historic Properties and Capital Works Delivery, Office of Public Works

Challenge 1: Climate adaptation – building the skills to recognise, safeguard and integrate cultural heritage in implementing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

Chair: **Johanna Leissner**, CHARTER Expert Advisory Board Member and Scientific Representative at Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft

Speaker: **Cathy Daly**, University of Lincoln and Carrig Conservation International

Rapporteur: **Bosse Lagerqvist**, ICOMOS / University of Gothenburg



Challenge 2: How to sustain dedicated education and training to build heritage skills capacity in regions with low numbers, fragmented employment structures and/or tradition of non-formal transmission [e.g. crafts and intangible cultural heritage]

Chair: **Erminia Sciacchitano**, CHARTER Expert Advisory Board Member and Senior Advisor, Italian Ministry of Culture

Speaker: **Colin Tennant**, Head of Traditional Skills and Materials, Historic Scotland

Rapporteur: **Marleen Hofland-Mol**, University of Rotterdam

Challenge 3: Future-proofing participatory governance / strategic foresight / leadership skills in cultural heritage

Chair: **Jermína Stanojev**, CHARTER Expert Advisory Board Member and Research and Policy Expert on Cultural Heritage

Speaker: **Suzie Thomas**, Department of Heritage, University of Antwerp

Rapporteur: **Ondina Taut**, National Institute of Heritage Romania

15:00-15:30 - Coffee and tea break

15:30-17:30 – SESSION 4 - Presenting the CHARTER Regional Case Studies

Chair: **Conor Newman**, CHARTER Expert Advisory Board Member and University of Galway

Moderation: **Astrid Hannes**, ERRIN – European Regions Research and Innovation Network

Short presentations from the CHARTER case study regions: **Ainhoa Bernabe Aranberri** of The Basque Government (Spain), **Ciprian Stefan**, Astra Museum, Sibiu County (Romania), **Lars Kröger**, German Maritime Museum in the Free Hanseatic State of Bremen (Germany), **Alexandra Correia**, ADRAL, the Alentejo Region (Portugal), **Miriana Bucalossi** of the Tuscany Region (Italy) and **Marie Odenbring Widmark**, Region Västra Götaland (Sweden).

First reflections from the Irish stakeholders – interactive audience survey.

Overview of the common education and training challenges and the regional differences in skills needs. Panel discussion with the CHARTER regions and the invited mirroring regions including: **Clara Villalba Montaner**, Aragón Region (Spain), **Federica Diamanti**, Emilia Romagna Region (Italy) and **Colin Tennant** (Scotland).

Closing reflections on the findings, possible solutions and expectations towards the CHARTER alliance by **Miguel Fernandez-Diez**, Policy Officer at the Pact for Skills Unit, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion of the European Commission and **Astrid Hannes**.

17:30-17:45 - Conclusions by **Conor Newman** and closing remarks by **Lluís Bonet**

17:45-19:30 - Drinks and canapés in the Atrium of The Printworks with music by harpist **Brenda Molloy**

We invite delegates to visit 'Christmas in the Castle', open until 21:00, after the reception